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Saturday, 7th February, 1981 — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- DARLINGTON

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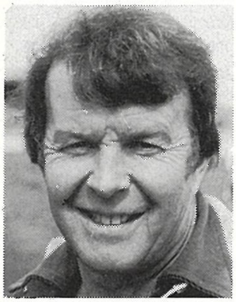
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MY POINT OF VIEW

GOOD afternoon all, a warm welcome to Billy Elliott and his Darlington side. After having to apply for re-election last year, they have come good and are maintaining a comfortable top half of the table position and still have a chance of making it to the Third Division.

After last Saturday's home defeat by Lincoln City, it was a welcome point we gained at Northampton. It is quite amazing how our form has see-sawed in the way that it has. Earlier in the season, we were finding it quite difficult to get points away from home, but we were not doing too badly at Springfield Park. The position has now completely reversed — we have not won at home since mid-November, yet, over the same period, we have only lost one of our six away games. I am hoping that the next two games at home can put us back again on the right road at Springfield Park, because it is certainly here that we really want to turn it on.

Interesting Seminar

I look forward with interest to this Monday's Seminar at Solihull, involving the Football League Club Chairmen. Lots of ideas have been bandied about and it is going to be a week to remember, if any of the recommendations come to fruition. If any of the plans go ahead and prove to be good for the game, then we will all gain something from the exercise.

Ian McNeill.

Ian McNeill

Front page photo — Tony Quinn looked certain to score, but the York City keeper pulled off a great save
(Photograph by courtesy of David Cookson)

GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

WHENEVER supporters gather together and talk about past names connected with Wigan Athletic, it's odds on that the conversation won't go on very long before the name of Allan Brown is mentioned. Allan was appointed player-manager in 1964 and thus began the formation of one of the most attractive teams in many, many years. A well-known, former Scottish inside forward Allan applied for the vacant job at Springfield Park, and the Directors of the time had no hesitation in appointing him. Despite the fact that it was his first managerial job he soon got into the swing of things. He began signing players immediately, and what players they were — Les Campbell, Ralph Gubbins, Roy Wilkinson, Bert Llewellyn and John Ryan, men who proved to be great favourites with the fans.

The team, superbly drilled and organised by Brown, won the Cheshire League under his guidance, and no one will forget the part Brown, the player had in the set-up. Cool, thoughtful and a fanatic for physical fitness, he made a tremendous impact at Springfield Park. His success with Wigan Athleitc soon had League clubs sniffing around and just 18 months after joining the Latics he left to join Luton Town, one of his former clubs. Just two weeks before Wigan were due to play Tranmere Rovers in the F.A. Cup Competition, he eventually took winger John Ryan with him to Luton Town. After Luton Town, Allan Brown managed Torquay United and Blackpool, but there were many of the qualities Brown brought to the game as a player-manager, that seemed to elude him when he hung up his boots and concentrated solely on management.

Today Allan Brown is manager of Northern Premier League Southport, the club whose place Latics took in the Fourth Division. A real irony for a man who enjoyed so many great moments with Wigan Athletic.



RESERVE ROUNDUP

by Fred Eyre

ALMOST three seasons ago, when the winter months came around, we switched our Thursday night sessions from outdoors at Springfield Park to indoors at Wigan Technical College.

Every Thursday night, in addition to my own players, there was a cherubic little schoolboy who was so shy he never spoke to anybody, but just joined in the training and 5-a-side, had a shower and left.

After about eight weeks he began to come out of his shell a little, so much so that he then started saying "hello" when he arrived and "goodbye" when he went home!!! But in the five-a-sides he was making his presence felt a little more, so much in fact that I was moved to remark to Dave Brooks "The kid in the Everton shirt is not a bad player".

This judgement was not really very shrewd on my part because as each week went by "The kid in the Everton shirt" became much stronger and much quicker and much more difficult to contain in the five-a-sides, so I thought it about time he ceased to be the "Kid in the Everton shirt" and the name David Glenn be mentioned to the boss.

Mr. McNeill, of course, already knew plenty about Davie Glenn, who, when he left school, signed as an apprentice professional. David continued to progress through the Youth and Reserve teams to prove his worth in the Football League. He is still a fairly quiet boy, who is always willing to listen and learn and let his feet do his talking for him. If he continues to progress as he is doing at present, he could go steadily and quietly right to the top.



COMMERCIAL CHATTER

IN THE last issue I spoke of the disappointment at the slow rate at which the shop operation was developing. I am pleased to report that ground advertising, programme advertising, match sponsorships and the donation of match balls have already produced more revenue for the Football Club than in previous years. However, as we near the end of the season, we do find that there are occasional games for which we lack a ball donor or match sponsor. Supporters have always been quick to respond to my appeals for co-operation in a wide variety of matters, but I wonder if I can be excused, for, once again, attempting to enlist the help of the club's friends. I would be most grateful to hear from anyone who has been able to persuade his superiors at work to show an interest in the ideas of donating a match ball or sponsoring a game. Obviously, my department will do all the work connected with the "selling", but sometimes a personal introduction can do wonders and, here and there, there must be firms who would be prepared to show their goodwill to the Wigan Athletic Football Club, although their identities would remain unknown to us, without the assistance of some friend. The number of opportunities which remain for the current season are rather limited, but we are most anxious to acquire the two or three donors or sponsors that would enable us to boast with justifiable pride that every one of our competitive games played in the season 1980-1981 had attracted the support necessary to increase the club's revenue. Please contact me on Wigan 43067, if you can possibly help.

We are again pleased to acknowledge the sponsoring of today's game by Inter-Metco Limited, of Springfield Mill, Babylon Lane, Adlington, Telephone 94-481861. This company are specialist press-workers and fabricators providing piece parts and assemblies for the domestic appliance, chemical, hi-fi equipment, bus and truck, specialist motor and shopfitting idustries. In addition, all kinds of production welding are undertaken, as is the drawing up and production of new tools. Enamelling facilities and back-up services, with all jobs carried out with top class machinery are features of this company's excellent craftsmanship. In particular, we thank Mr. R. Tench, their Managing Director, for the continuing interest he shows in our club.

Today's match ball has been kindly donated by J.E.M. Spares (Motor Factors), 21, Ladies Lane, Hindley, Nr. Wigan. Telephone No's. 54224/55357. This firm offers a wide range of products for cars, commercial and plant. Daily deliveries in the area. They aim to please their customers, and, as they suggest, they are as near as the nearest telephone. Please give them your support.

Enjoy today's game.

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager

Letterbox

Springfield Park, Wigan. 3rd February, 1981.

Dear Readers,

One of the problems one gets when several games are played in quick succession, is that there is insufficient time for the volume of mail to build up to satisfy this type of feature. However, we have managed to obtain several letters and I am particularly pleased to choose the published effort, since it echoes the sentiments expressed by many fans. Mr Rudd will receive his ticket for the Mansfield Town game in due course.

Thank you again for writing.

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

10, Margaret Street, Wigan. 29th January, 1981.

Dear Sir,

I am not quite sure if this letter falls within your guidelines, but I would like to say how pleased I am to see Tony Quinn back in the first team. Tony seems to have had a rather quiet time since being dubbed the "Golden Boy" last season, and he has taken some stick from the fickle Wigan supporters. I am sure it will be a case of "he who laughs last, laughs longest," and Tony will have the last laugh, because, in my opinion, he is much too clever a footballer to remain for long in the Fourth Division.

Yours sincerely,
Brian Rudd.

PHOTOFILE

Colin Methven in action





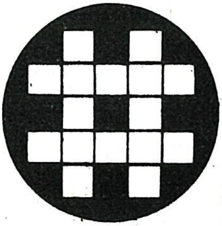
LEFT:
Climbing High
(Photograph by courtesy of Evening Post & Chronicle)

BELOW:
The York City goalkeeper gets a vital deflection to foil big Colin.
(Photograph by courtesy of David Cookson)

FAR LEFT:
A study in aggression
(Photograph by courtesy of Evening Post & Chronicle)



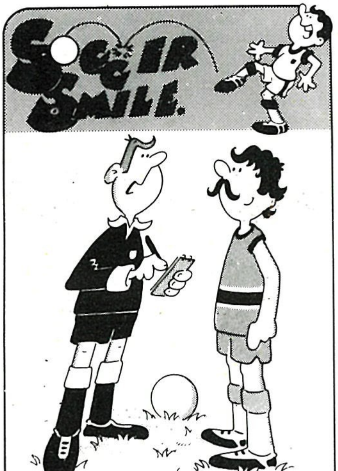
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ON THE BALL No. 20

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Colour of Ireland; Forward's figure; Talbot or Taylor; Old Torino/Arsenal/Forest star



"I've changed my mind about bookin' you, but consider yourself warned, is that clear Czuprynskowitz?"

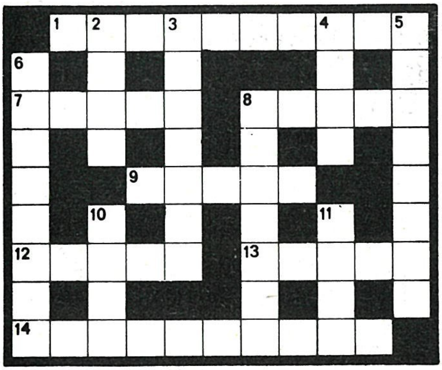
CLUB CLUB No. 20

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

What the wine-merchant is bound to do.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 17

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **BUS and REVERES** to find two related soccer words.



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No. 20 (Compiled by David Peck)

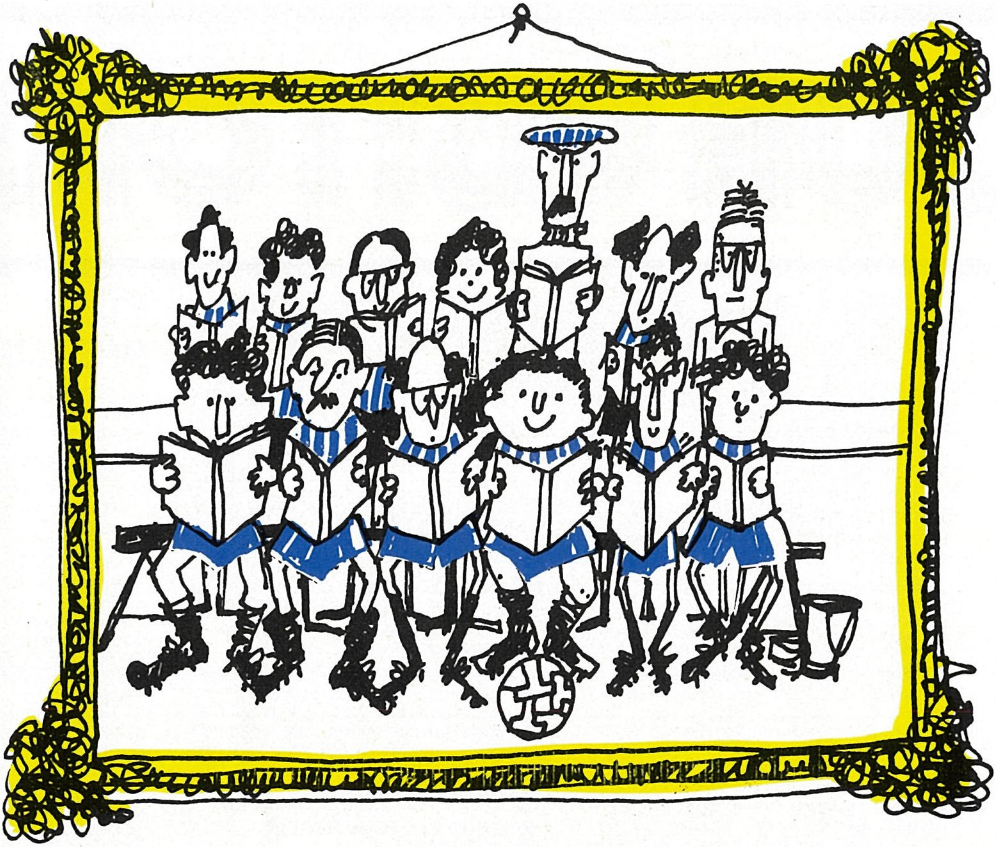
ACROSS

1. Club whose 'old boys' include Kevin Keegan and Kevin Kilmore (10)
7. Spurs defender for around fifteen years before moving to Portland Timbers in 1980 (5)
8. Group of players from which the team is eventually picked (5)
9. --- Plate was the first club of **8dn** (5)
12. Former goalkeeper who succeeded goalscorer Arthur Rowley as Shrewsbury manager (5)
13. The League's top scorer last season (5)
14. Surprise side of the 1966 World Cup finals (5,5)

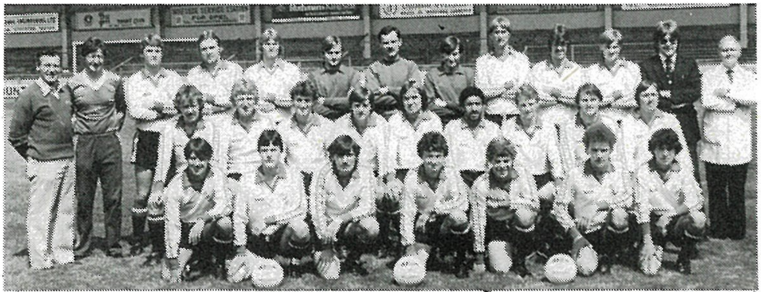
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2. Ernie ---, Fulham chairman in recent years (4)
3. It stops the ball going into the crowd ... much to the keeper's disgust! (7)
4. One of soccer's Sir Stanleys (4)
5. A description of an exciting match (3-2-3)
6. Defender Frank --- served Middlesbrough from 1963 to 1976 (8)
8. Alfredo di --- (7)
10. Former Manchester City, Chester and Wales full-back: Cliff --- (4)
11. Colour common to the countries **8dn** played for (4)

Answers on Page 22.



OUR VISITORS



DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB — 1980-1981 (Left to right) **Standing:** Bill Elliott (Manager), Jim Shoulder (Coach), Dave Hawker, Peter Skipper, Alan Walsh, Pat Cuff, Kevin Barry, Kevan Smith, Donald Ball (Captain), Barry Stell, David Thorne (Secretary), Bob Farrelly (Physiotherapist). **Seated:** Dave McLean, Ken Ellis, Ian Hamilton, Dave Thompson, Harry Charlton, Alan Kamara, Dave Speedie, John Stalker, Keith Coleman. **Kneeling:** Derek Nesbitt, Scott Duncan, Kevin Cane, Paul Wayman, Scott Milford, Kevin Tindle, Hugh Healy.

THIS afternoon our visitors are from that hot-bed of soccer, the North-East of England. Although nicknamed "The Quakers", the Darlington Football Club this season has every right to be looked upon as a formidable opponent. Billy Elliott's team, without making too much of a play on words, will not be quaking, nor quietly and reverently passive, as they tackle a Wigan Athletic side that has yet to give its supporters much to shout about in the first few weeks of home activity in 1981. A series of gritty performances have taken Darlington into a challenging position for promotion, and it is interesting to note that, apart from the mauling our visitors received on their last visit to Springfield Park, the men from Feethams have always proved stern competitors. However, with matters in the League so finely balanced this season, it would be a brave man who dared to predict the outcome of today's game. Indeed, the pools' forecasters have already written off Wigan's chances of winning today's game, and, as has been proved so many times in the past, that has frequently resulted in our local heroes turning the form-book inside out.

Whatever the outcome, we wish a sincere Lancashire welcome to directors, management, staff and supporters of the Darlington Football Club, and trust that the good fortune which has followed them in recent times will be maintained to the season's end — a worthy reward for much unstinting effort.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

Season 1978-1979

9th Dec. 1978	Darlington 1 Wigan Ath. 1 H.T. Score 1-1 Att. 1,967 Scorers: Darlington; Stone Wigan Ath: Moore
28th Apr. 1979	Wigan Ath. 2 Darlington 2 H.T. Score 2-1 Att. 6,153 Scorers: Wigan Ath: Moore, Brownbill Darlington: Seal, Walsh

Season 1979-1980

18th Aug. 1979	Darlington 2 Wigan Ath. 2 H.T. Score 1-1 Att. 2,063 Scorers: Darlington Taylor (2) Wigan Ath: Purdie, Hinnigan
3rd Nov. 1979	Wigan Ath. 4 Darlington 1 H.T. Score 2-0 Att. 5,001 Scorers: Wigan Ath. A. Quinn Hinnigan (2), own goal Darlington: Stalker

Season 1980-1981

13th Sept. 1980	Darlington 3 Wigan Ath. 1 H.T. Score 1-1 Att. 2,321 Scorers: Darlington: Stalker (3) Wigan Ath: —

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PEN PICTURE

BILL ELLIOTT — M joining Darlington Sunderland Football 1978/9 season, and promotion to the First D point. For five years p charge of Norwegian Bergen, taking them Football. After his became a fully qualif 1960, and in 1972 ga Certificate. In 1973, h the Sunderland side Cup by beating Leeds

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PETER SKIPPER — I 6'. Weight 12st.3lbs. season acquisition, th from Hull City F.C., Pe 1980. League debu Swansea, March 2nd match for Darlington 1/8/80.

Ground: Feethams, Darlington
Year Formed: 1883.
Football League Record:
1921 Original Member of Third Division (North)
1925-1927 Member of Second Division
1927-1958 Member of Third Division (North)
1958-1966 Member of Fourth Division
1966-1967 Member of Third Division
1967-1981 Member of Fourth Division

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DONALD BALL — Defender/Sweeper — Height 5'11". Weight 11st.10lbs. Club Captain. When Bill Elliott appointed Don as captain at the commencement of the 1980/81 season, he became the youngest player in the Football League to take on this role, (D.O.B. 14/6/62). Don came through the Clubs apprentice ranks and played in the First Team for much of last season.

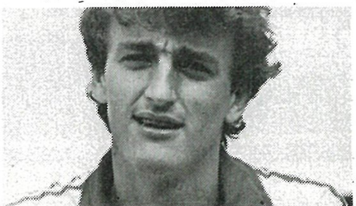
BARRY STELL — Defender — Height 5'9". Weight 10st.8lbs. Previously with Sheffield Wednesday Football Club (July 1978 - Sept. 1979), Barry has yet to make his Football League debut, but played on numerous occasions last season for the reserves in the North Midlands League.

SCOTT MILFORD — Defender — Height 5'5". Weight 10st.5lbs. Previously with Torquay United as a Schoolboy, Scott still awaits his first team call up, but has played regularly for the Reserves last season in the North Midlands League.

DAVE HAWKER — Midfield — Height 5'9". Weight 11st.2lbs. Joined Darlington from Hull City in March 1980, for a fee of £5,000. Made his debut for the Club v Portsmouth, 14/3/80, and remained in the side for the remainder of the 1979/80 season.

DAVE McLEAN — Midfield — Height 5'8". Weight 11st. Signed for the Quakers in June 1979, and made his Club debut v York City, 21/8/79. Dave was formerly at Newcastle United, appearing a number of times in Division One, before moving on to Carlisle in May 1978.

IAN "HAMMER" HAMILTON — Midfield — Height 5'7½". Weight 10st.7lbs. Joined Darlington in October 1979, having previously played with



Boldon C.A. in the Wearside League. Made his debut for the Quakers v Aldershot, 2/2/80, and has remained in the First team since that time.

HARRY CHARLTON — Midfield — Height 5'8". Weight 10st.7lbs. Harry spent a number of seasons with Middlesbrough, before joining Chesterfield in 1976. Signed for Darlington during the summer of 1979, and made his League debut for Darlington v Wigan Athletic, 18/8/79.

DAVE SPEEDIE — Midfield — Height 5'6½". Weight 10st.5lbs. Joined Darlington from Barnsley Football Club in June, 1980, at a fee of £5,000. Formed part of Barnsley's promotion winning side to the



Third Division, 1978/9, and played his first full match for Darlington v Bolton, (friendly) 1/8/80.

KEVIN CANE — Midfield — Height 5'8". Weight 10st.10lbs. Kevin became the first pro footballer in the country to sign forms for a League Club having previously been with Darlington as part of the Government's work experience scheme Still awaiting his first team call up, he has played on several occasions with the Reserves.

ALAN WALSH — Forward — Height 5'11". Weight 12st. 8lbs. Top scorer for the Club last season. Previous experience with Middlesbrough Football Club, before signing for Darlington in October 1978, for a fee of £15,000.

DAVE THOMPSON — Midfield — Height 5'7". Weight 11st. Signed for the Club in August 1979, but due to a pre season training injury, Dave was unable to make his first team debut. Previously with Leeds United 1976-79.

JOHN STALKER — Forward — Height 5'10". Weight 11st. John came to Darlington on a free transfer from Leicester City in October 1979, and made his debut for the Club v Peterborough, 27/10/79. Since that time, he has continued to find the net with increasing regularity, and his goals tally for last season came second to that of Alan Walsh.

HARRY WILSON — Defender — Harry joined the Quakers in September, 1980 and has remained a first-team regular since that date. Came to Darlington on a free transfer from Preston North End but has had previous experience with Burnley and Brighton. Made over 160 appearances with Brighton, including 20 in the First Division.

STATISTICS

Home fixtures in capitals. Wigan scores first.
Player scoring in bold. † Player substituted.
[2] Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 9	CREWE ALEXANDRA F.L.Cup 1 1st Leg	2 - 1	5,512	Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	**Gore**[2]	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Tierney	A. Quinn
Aug. 13	Crewe Alexandra F.L.Cup 1 2nd Leg AET	2 - 2	4,063	Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	**Gore**[1]	Methven	Davids	A. Quinn	Wright	Houghton	**Hutchinson**[1]	Tierney	McMullan
Aug. 16	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	0 - 3	5,332	Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	A. Quinn	M. Quinn
Aug. 23	Lincoln City	0 - 2	3,939	Brown	Curtis	Fretwell	Gore	Methven	Davids	M. Quinn	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Whittle	McMullan
Aug. 27	Preston N.E. F.L.Cup 2 1st Leg.	0 - 1	8,028	Brown	Curtis	Fretwell	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Whittle	A. Quinn
Aug. 30	ALDERSHOT	1 - 0	4,300	Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	**Wright**[1]	Houghton	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	A. Quinn
Sep. 3	PRESTON N.E. F.L. CUP 2 2nd Leg	1 - 2	9,692	Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	**Wright**[1]	Houghton	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	A. Quinn
Sep. 6	PORT VALE	1 - 0	4,666	Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	**Gore**[1]	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Glenn
Sep. 13	Darlington	1 - 3*	2,321	Brown	Fretwell	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Oliver	Hutchinson	Corrigan	Glenn
Sep. 16	Halifax Town	1 - 0	2,052	Brown	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Hutchinson	**A. Quinn**[1]	Corrigan	M. Quinn
Sep. 20	BURY	2 - 1	6,021	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	**Gore**[2]	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Hutchinson	A. Quinn	Corrigan	M. Quinn
Sep. 27	Mansfield Town	1 - 3	3,402	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	**Hutchinson**[1]	A. Quinn	Corrigan	G. Urquhart
Oct. 1	HALIFAX TOWN	4 - 1	4,247	Ward	Curtis	**Kettle**[1]	Gore	Methven	Davids	**G.Urquhart**[1]	Wright	Hutchinson	**M. Quinn**[2]	Corrigan	McMullan
Oct. 4	Rochdale	0 - 3	3,479	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Gore	Methven	Davids	G. Urquhart	Wright	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	Corrigan	Houghton
Oct. 8	DONCASTER ROVERS	3 - 0	3,608	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Hutchinson	**M. Quinn**[3]	Tierney	Corrigan
Oct. 11	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	1 - 1	5,320	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	**Corrigan**[1]	Tierney
Oct. 18	Torquay United	0 - 2	2,013	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	Corrigan	Tierney
Oct. 20	Southend United	0 - 1	5,643	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Fretwell	Methven	Davids	Tierney	Wright	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	Corrigan	Houghton
Oct. 25	TRANMERE ROVERS	1 - 1	5,421	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	G. Urquhart	Methven	Davids	McMullan	Wright	Hutchinson	**M. Quinn**[1]	Corrigan	Houghton
Oct. 29	YORK CITY	1 - 0	3,668	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	**G.Urquhart**[1]	Methven	Fretwell	Glenn	Wright	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	Corrigan	Oliver
Nov. 1	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0 - 3	2,983	Ward	Curtis	Kettle	Fretwell	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	G. Urquhart	Corrigan
Nov. 4	Doncaster Rovers	1 - 1	3,625	Ward	Curtis	Fretwell	Tierney	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	Houghton	**M. Quinn**[1]	Kettle	McMullan
Nov. 8	BRADFORD CITY	0 - 1	5,155	Ward	Curtis	Fretwell	Tierney	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	G. Urquhart	W.Urquhart	M. Quinn	Hutchinson	McMullan
Nov. 12	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	3 - 0	3,375	Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G.Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	Glenn	Wright	**W.Urquhart**[1]	**M. Quinn**[2]	Corrigan	A. Quinn
Nov. 15	Hartlepool United	1 - 3	5,020	Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	G.Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	**Houghton**[1]	Wright	W Urquhart	M. Quinn	Corrigan	McMullan
Nov. 22	CHESTERFIELD F.A. CUP 1	2 - 2	8,682	Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	Hutchinson	Methven	Cribley	**Houghton**[2]	Wright	W. Urquhart	M. Quinn	Corrigan	McMullan
Nov. 25	Chesterfield F.A. Cup 1 Replay	0 - 2	8,372	Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	Hutchinson	Methven	Cribley	Houghton	Wright	W. Urquhart	G. Urquhart	Corrigan	McMullan
Nov. 29	Hereford United	1 - 1	2,328	Brown	Curtis	Fretwell	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	**Houghton**[1]	McMullan	Hutchinson	M. Quinn	Corrigan	Glenn
Dec. 6	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	1 - 1	3,790	Brown	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	**McMullan**[1]	M. Quinn	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	W. Urquhart
Dec. 13	Crewe Alexandra	2 - 1	2,829	Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	McMullan	W. Urquhart	**Houghton**[1]	Hutchinson	Corrigan	**A. Quinn**[1]
Dec. 26	CREWE ALEXANDRA	0 - 0	5,026	Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	McMullan	A. Quinn	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	W. Urquhart
Dec. 27	Stockport County	1 - 0	3,062	Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	McMullan	**A. Quinn**[1]	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	W. Urquhart
Jan. 3	SOUTHEND UNITED	0 - 1	5,267	Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	McMullan	A. Quinn	Houghton	Hutchinson	Corrigan	W. Urquhart
Jan. 10	York City	1 - 2	2,028	Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	McMullan	A. Quinn	Houghton	Hutchinson	Wright	**W.Urquhart**[1]
Jan. 24	Aldershot	1 - 0	2,932	Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	McMullan	**A. Quinn**[1]	Houghton	Hutchinson	Wright	M. Quinn
Jan. 31	LINCOLN CITY	0 - 2	5,190	Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	McMullan	A.Quinn	Houghton	Hutchinson	Wright	M.Quinn
Feb. 3	Northampton Town	1 - 1	1,708	Ward	Fretwell	McAdam	G. Urquhart	Methven	Cribley	**M.Quinn**[1]	A.Quinn	Houghton	Hutchinson	Wright	Tierney
Feb. 7	DARLINGTON														
Feb. 11	HEREFORD UNITED														
Feb. 14	Port Vale														
Feb. 21	MANSFIELD TOWN														
Feb. 28	Bury														
Mar. 7	ROCHDALE														
Mar. 13	Peterborough United														
Mar. 21	TORQUAY UNITED														
Mar. 27	Tranmere Rovers														
Mar. 31	Wimbledon														
Apr. 4	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH														
Apr. 11	Bradford City														
Apr. 18	STOCKPORT COUNTY														
Apr. 25	WIMBLEDON														
May 2	Scunthorpe United														

STATISTICS

PLAYER PORTRAIT



Photo by courtesy of The Wigan Reporter

Billy Urquhart
(Forward)
Birthplace: **Inverness, Scotland.**
Place of Residence: **Worsley Mesnes, Wigan.**
Date of Birth: **22nd November, 1956**
Height: **5'11½"**
Weight: **12st. 7lbs.**
Previous Professional Clubs: **Inverness Caledonian, and Glasgow Rangers.**
Advice to Youngsters: **Work hard at your game and never consider yourself too old to listen to good advice and learn from the experiences of others.**

A recent recruit, Billy has yet to tie down a regular place in the first team. He is looking to make an impact before the end of the season, and is anxious to add further honours to the Scottish League Cup winners medal he earned playing for Rangers against Aberdeen. He has also played in the European Cup Quarter Final against Cologne for the Glasgow club.



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THE Supporters Club would like to give a warm welcome to the officials, team and supporters of the Darlington Football Club.

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the death of an old friend of the Club, Jack Winterbottom. Many of you will remember Jack from our non-league days, when he tended the Stand-Bar. On behalf of the club, I extend deepest sympathy to Jack's family on their loss.

On Monday, 2nd February, 1981, a meeting was held in the Supporters Club, to discuss the implications caused by the resignation, en bloc, of the committee. An Extra-ordinary General Meeting was called for and this has been fixed for Monday, 2nd March, 1981 at 8.00 p.m. A new committee has been formed by volunteers, to cover the interim period, and business at the club will be as usual. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you all, to bear with us and support us whilst the club passes through this difficult period. The Committee will be looking at new ways to ensure the viability of the club, from which we all should benefit.

Stuart Cooper



NEWS ON 4 by Chris Gill

FOURTH Division sides could figure prominently in Sunday games if an Extraordinary Football League Meeting gives the scheme the go-ahead this weekend. Anxious to take the opportunity of boosting poor crowds by putting games back a day, a number of clubs have already made it clear they wish to experiment. Although Wigan Athletic are only likely to take part in Sunday soccer away from home, Bradford City, Tranmere Rovers and Northampton Town are among the front-runners to introduce the change at their own grounds. However, the switch to Sunday soccer may not be plain sailing for everyone, for the League are likely to allow no more than six matches to be re-scheduled from Saturday — and that includes those previously listed for Friday evening.

The same meeting could also effectively secure a Football League future for those teams who have to seek re-election at the end of the season. If a plan to give each League club a vote in all matters goes through, then, on the basis that Division Three and Four clubs support each other in times of crisis, the majority on re-election vote is held by the lower divisions. That could only be bad news for those non-league outfits hoping to break down what is already a most formidable barrier to their gaining League status.

Northampton Town hold the distinction of becoming the first team to take a point from leaders Southend United at Roots Hall. Their goalless draw ended United's fifteen-match 100 per cent home record. Port Vale have dispensed with the services of youth team coach Steve Fleet as an economy measure, while Halifax Town are suddenly in the market with money to spend. "The Shaymen" bid £35,000 for Blackburn Rovers player Simon Garner, but the player rejected the move, and they suffered a similar fate when they offered Crewe Alexandra £20,000 for the services of Geoff Hunter.

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 5th FEBRUARY, 1981

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Southend United	31	15	1	0	34	3	6	3	20	18	46	
Lincoln City	29	10	5	1	37	10	8	2	3	14	6	43
Mansfield Town	31	11	2	2	27	7	6	2	8	16	19	38
Hartlepool Utd.	31	9	3	4	29	16	5	5	5	18	24	36
Doncaster Rovers	31	10	2	4	24	14	5	4	6	14	22	36
Peterborough Utd.	30	8	4	3	27	14	4	6	5	20	19	34
Aldershot	32	9	6	1	18	3	4	2	10	11	26	34
Rochdale	31	9	4	3	26	16	2	7	6	20	29	33
Darlington	30	7	3	4	26	16	6	3	7	16.	22	32
Bournemouth	32	7	5	4	17	13	5	2	9	11	21	31
Wimbledon	28	8	3	3	26	11	5	1	8	14	20	30
Torquay United	30	9	1	5	27	17	4	3	8	12	23	30
Bradford City	30	5	7	2	19	14	4	5	7	17	25	30
North'pton Town	32	9	2	5	31	18	3	4	9	14	34	30
Wigan Athletic	31	7	4	4	18	12	4	3	9	12	26	29
Tranmere Rovers	30	10	2	2	30	12	1	4	11	11	32	28
Crewe Alexandra	33	5	6	6	19	19	3	6	7	17	28	28
Scunthorpe Utd.	30	5	7	3	23	18	2	6	7	11	20	27
York City	30	8	2	5	26	13	1	6	8	7	27	26
Bury	30	7	3	4	23	14	3	2	11	19	31	25
Stockport County	31	4	4	7	16	21	5	2	9	12	22	24
Halifax Town	31	5	3	8	21	24	1	6	8	11	23	21
Hereford United	29	5	6	5	20	14	1	3	9	5	30	21
Port Vale	29	6	4	4	24	15	1	2	12	12	41	20



SCENE & HEARD

ALTHOUGH this season has yet to come to its climax, plans are already being laid for 1981-1982. It was announced this week that the Football League programme for next season will run from the 29th August, 1981 until the 15th May, 1982. The opening round of the Football League Cup competition is likely to be put back until the first week in September, and it is expected that the Second Round of the competition will revert to a one-leg system. No doubt cricket lovers will be delighted at the later start to the campaign, while clubs in general should benefit from the clearing of the holiday season before battle recommences.

For those who like to keep in touch with the non-league scene, the F.A. Trophy competition is now reaching the later stages. Northern clubs have dominated the competition since its inception, but the draw for the Third Round made this week is certainly making it more difficult for the run of success to be continued. For the record, Third Round ties are due to be played on the 21st February, 1981, as follows:-

Leytonstone or Weymouth v Altrincham
Bishop's Stortford v Alverchurch
Sutton United v Walthamstowe or Bedford
Aylesbury v Northwich Victoria
Hastings v Worcester
Bootle or Carshalton v Mossley
Bangor City v Hitchin
Dartford v Blyth Spartans

We have received a letter from Mr. John Dewhirst of 33, Toller Grove, Heaton, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD9 5NS, who would be grateful if any Wigan supporter could help him to obtain the following programmes, Wigan Athletic v Bradford City, October, 78, Huddersfield Town v Wigan Athletic (F.A. Cup 1973). John would also be interested in corresponding with any Wigan supporter, with a view to swapping information about his own club, (Bradford City), and Wigan Athletic. Any replies direct to John, please.

LATICS AWAY

SATURDAY,
14th FEBRUARY, 1981
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

PORT VALE
- v -
WIGAN ATHLETIC

Leave Wigan by M6 Southbound, joining motorway at Shevington, Orrell, Marus Bridge or Haydock Island. Leave M6 at Junction 16 then join A500 signposted to Stoke. In almost six miles branch left and at roundabout take first exit (A50). In half a mile turn right (B5051) into Newcastle Street and at end over crossroads into Moorland Road. Shortly turn left into Hamil Road for Vale Park, the ground of Port Vale F.C.



The Chairman's Column

I AM delighted to welcome the Darlington Football Club, its Directors, Staff and Supporters to Springfield Park for today's return League fixture. We look forward to an exciting game between two sides who have provided some stirring struggles in past encounters.

A great deal has been written and spoken in recent weeks about the Solihull Seminar which is due to take place on Monday, 9th February. There is one matter, however, about which I feel I must make some comment, and that is the proposition which puts forward the idea that each club in membership with the Football League should have equal voting rights when it comes to the re-election and election of clubs to the Fourth Division. Although one can understand the desire of Third and Fourth Division clubs to have a say on this vital issue, there is a grave danger, bearing in mind the desire for self-preservation, that a "closed-shop" situation will be the end result. It would be a great tragedy, if in protecting the interests of existing members, the Football League was to close the door on future applicants whose progress and established position proved them worthy of League status. Wigan Athletic Football Club can consider themselves fortunate to have made their entry before the possible introduction of a restrictive regulation.

We were all delighted to come away from Northampton on Tuesday evening with one point, but I still feel that both points were there for the taking, and until we are able to translate our superiority into goals our progress up the League table will continue to be modest, rather than dramatic.

I would like to place on record the appreciation of the Directors, to Eric Jones, our Company Secretary, who by his diligence and attention to detail has been able to obtain from the Football League Ground Trust Fund a sizeable consideration in connection with ground improvement schemes. The balance sheet, when published, will emphasise the value of his contribution.

Meanwhile, thank you for your continued support, which we hope will stay with us to the season's end.

All best wishes,

Chairman.

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Wigan Athletic (Royal Blue & White Stripes)		Darlington (All Red)
Bob Ward	1	Pat Cuff
Dave Fretwell	2	Alan Kamara
Steve McAdam	3	Kevin Glendinning
Lawrence Tierney	4	Kev Smith
Colin Methven	5	Peter Skipper
Alex Cribley	6	Dave Speedie
Mike Quinn	7	Donald Ball
Tony Quinn	8	Harry Charlton
Peter Houghton	9	John Stalker
Bobby Hutchinson	10	Ian Hamilton
Jeff Wright	11	Alan Walsh
George Urquhart	12	Barry Stell

OFFICIALS

Referee:
Mr. M.J. HEATH
(Stoke-on-Trent)
Commenced refereeing in 1968 and progressed to Football League via Northern Premier League. Has refereed the Staffordshire Senior Cup Final (1977), Reserve Official F.A. Vase Final (1976) and lined Semi-Professional Tournament Final (1979) and F.A. Cup Semi-Final (1980).
A married man, with two boys, he is Senior Manager of Doulton (Sanitary-ware) Limited. He is keen on gardening, cricket and table tennis.

Linesmen:
Red Flag
Mr. J. Constable
(Blackburn)
Yellow Flag
Mr. P.H. Waters
(Thornton-Cleveleys)

HERE NEXT

Saturday, 21st February, 1981.
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- MANSFIELD TOWN

Football League Division Four

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